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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFOOMATION ON NEWLY NOMINATED
SPANISH AMBASSADORS

1. THE FOLLOWING AMBASSADORS WERE APPOINTED TO THEIR
RESPECTIVE POSTS IN JUNE 1978:

2. FRANCISCO JAVIER VALLAURE FERNANDEZ-PENA, AMBASSADOR
TO BRAZIL. BBN 7 JUNE 1917. GRADUATED FROM DIPLOMATIC
SCHOOL IN JULY 1946. STARTED HIS LONG DIPLOMATIC CAREER
AS VICE-CONSUL IN HAMBURG IN MAY 1948. HE WENT ABROAD
AGAIN AS SECOND SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FROM
FEBRUARY 1952 TO EARLY 1958. IN JULY 1966 HE WAS
APPOINTED TO OECD PERMANENT MISSION AS FIRST SECRETARY
AND LATER WAS PROMOTED TO COUNSELOR. PROMOTED TO MINISTER
IN MAY 1966 AND SERVED IN MFA AS DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONS
FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND LATER (FEBRUARY 1968) AS
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SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
AND COOPERATION. IN JUNE 1972 HE WAS NAMED DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION. IN HIS
VARIOUS CAPACITIES HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED W/OECD, GATT,
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, UNCTAD, ILO, AND NEGOTIATIONS
CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT.

3. CARLOS GAMIR PRIETO, AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN. BORN 25 DECEMBER 1913 AND GRADUATED FROM DIPLOMATIC SCHOOL IN 1943. HAS SERVED IN FOLLOWING POSTS: LEGATION IN BERN FROM DECEMBER 1945 TO APRIL 1948 AS ATTACHE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; DECEMBER 1948 TO EARLY 1951 IN SAME CAPACITY AT CONSULATE GENERAL IN KARACHI; DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC POLICY AT MFA FROM NOVEMBER 1954. COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN BUENOS AIRES JUNE 1958 TO SUMMER 1961 WHEN HE BECAME COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON; DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AT MFA FEBRUARY 1964 AND DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR NORTH AMERICA AND ASIA IN APRIL 1967; DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT MFA IN FEBRUARY 1968; CHIEF OF CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL MISSION IN HUNGARY AUGUST 1970; NAMED AMBASSADOR TO GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN JULY 1973. RETURNED TO MADRID IN THE FALL OF 1975, WHEN THE GDR BROKE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, TO BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT MFA. IN THIS CAPACITY, GAMIR HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN REDUCING THE EMOTIONAL CONTENT OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND HAS BEEN AN EFFECTIVE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE US-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. GAMIR IS FLUENT IN GERMAN AND ALSO SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH. HE IS CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT OF AN EXPERT ON GERMAN HISTORY, CONFIDENTIAL

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LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY. HE IS FRIENDLY, POLITE, AND CULTURED; AND WITH HIS WIFE SHARES A DEEP PASSION FOR MUSIC, MAKING YEARLY PILGRIMAGE TO THE SALZBURG MUSIC FESTIVAL. WHILE NOT ACTIVE POLITICALLY, GAMIR IS GENERALLY LIBERAL AND DEMOCRATIC IN OUTLOOK.

4. JOSE LUIS FLOREZ-ESTRADA Y AYALA, AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT. BORN 1 APRIL 1916 AND GRADUATED FROM DIPLOMATIC SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER 1942. HAS SERVED IN FOLLOWING POSTS: FROM JULY 1944 TO AUGUST 1949 AS SECOND AND FIRST SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN LISBON AND AT CONSULATE IN OPORTO, PORTUGAL; FIRST SECRETARY AND COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN ROME FROM FEBRUARY 1955 TO LATE 1959; SPECIAL ENVOY AND MINISTER TO ADDIS ABABA IN APRIL 1961 AND DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR IN SEPTEMBER 1962; ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR ALSO TO TANANARIVE IN APRIL 1966 AND TO DAR-ES-SALAAM IN FEBRUARY 1967; CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC CABINET AT MFA IN APRIL 1968; NAMED AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON IN APRIL 1970.

5. MANUEL DE AGUILAR OTERMIN, AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA. BORN 24 FEBRUARY 1918 AND GRADUATED FROM DIPLOMATIC

SCHOOL IN JULY 1949. HE HAS SERVED IN FOLLOWING POSTS:
THIRD SECRETARY AT CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO
RICO IN SEPTEMBER 1951 AND OF EMBASSY IN ROME IN JANUARY
1955; SECOND SECRETARY OF EMBASSY SANTIAGO, CHILE
FROM MARCH 1960 TO SUMMER 1963; SERVED IN CONSULAR AFFAIRS
SECTION OF MFA UNTIL NAMED CONSUL IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER
1967; JULY 1971 APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF SPECIALIZED
ORGANIZATIONS IN DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL

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COOPERATION. AGUILAR AND HIS CHARMING WIFE HAVE BEEN
UBIQUITOUS ON THE DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT FROM HIS NUMBER
TWO POSITION IN THE MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE. THEY ARE BOTH
VERY FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. AND HE HAS BEEN AS HELPFUL
TO US AS POSSIBLE. BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN A DECISION-MAKER
EVEN ON PROTOCOL MATTERS, AND HAS INDICATED NO
PARTICULAR SUBSTANTIVE STRENGTHS.

6. FELIX GUILLERMO FERNANDEZ-SHAW BAL DASANO, AMBASSADOR
TO SYRIA. BORN 9 FEBRUARY 1930 AND GRADUATED FROM
DIPLOMATIC SCHOOL IN JUNE 1955. HE HAS HELD FOLLOWING
POSITIONS: VICE-CONSUL IN GENOA, JULY 1958; SECOND
AND FIRST SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN PANAMA FROM JULY 1962
TO LATE 1964 WHEN HE RETURNED TO OFFICE OF DIPLOMATIC
INFORMATION IN MFA; TOOK LEAVE TO MINISTRY OF

INFORMATION AND TOURISM (MIT) IN OCTOBER 1965 TO SERVE
AS CHIEF OF EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING; RETURNED BRIEFLY
TO MFA IN SPRING 1967 BUT WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF
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CABINET FOR EXTERNAL PROMOTION OF RADIO AND TV IN MIT
IN JANUARY 1968; DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
FOR RADIO AND TV IN MIT IN FEBRUARY 1970; ATTENDED
NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT
IN JANUARY 1974 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
IBERO-AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN MFA. HAS DOCTORATE IN LAW.

7. LUIS JORDANA DE POZAS, AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON.
BORN 24 AUGUST 1928 AND GRADUATED FROM DIPLOMATIC
SCHOOL IN JUNE 1954. HE HAS SERVED IN FOLLOWING POSTS:
VICE-CONSUL IN LONDON IN JANUARY 1958; PROMOTED TO
SECOND SECRETARY JULY 1961 AND TRANSFERRED TO EMBASSY
BEIRUT IN OCTOBER 1961; PROMOTED TO FIRST SECRETARY
OCTOBER 1962 AND TRANSFERRED TO EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN
JULY 1964; CHIEF OF CULTURAL COOPERATION W/MOROCCO IN
MFA DECEMBER 1967 AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY, SECRETARY GENERAL
OF HISPANO-ARAB CULTURAL INSTITUTE; IN THESE JOBS HE
TRAVELED TO TUNIS, EGYPT, LEBANON, ALGERIA AND MOROCCO;
CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC CABINET IN MAY 1970; COUNSELOR
OF EMBASSY ROME MAY 1973.

8. FRANCISCO VILLACIEROS Y MACHIMBARRENA, AMBASSADOR
TO LIBYA. BORN 24 NOVEMBER 1928 AND GRADUATED FROM
DIPLOMATIC SCHOOL IN JUNE 1954. HE HAS SERVED IN
FOLLOWING POSTS: VICE-CONSUL AND SECOND SECRETARY AT
CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK FROM OCTOBER 1957 TO
OCTOBER 1961; PROMOTED TO FIRST SECRETARY JULY 1962 AND
TRANSFERRED TO EMBASSY ANKARA 8 NOVEMBER 1962; EMBASSY
STOCKHOLM JULY 1964; FROM FEBRUARY 1967 TIL SEPTEMBER
1970 SERVED IN MFA IN DEPARTMENT FOR NORTH AMERICAN,
MIDDLE AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS AND AS CHIEF OF MILITARY
FACTS AND DISARMAMENT IN THE SUBSECRETARIAT FOR
FOREIGN POLICY--DURING THIS PERIOD ATTENDED VARIOUS
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DISARMAMENT CONFERENCES; SEPTEMBER 1970 CULTURAL
COUNSELOR TO SPANISH REPRESENTATION IN MEXICO;
COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC JULY
1971 UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE 1974. OVER THE LAST THREE
YEARS VILLACIEROS HAS BEEN THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
THE FOREIGN SERVICE UNDER PUIG DE BELLACASA WHO HAS

NOW MOVED UP TO UNDER SECRETARY. HIS FATHER WAS A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AND HAS BEEN THE KING'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR SOME TIME. VILLACIEROS AND HIS CHARMING WIFE, ELVIRA, ARE GREAT ADMIRERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND HE IS DISPOSED TO BE MOST COOPERATIVE WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS, HAVING HELPED TAKE CARE OF U.S. INTERESTS IN EGYPT AT ONE TIME. HE IS QUITE STRONG ON SUBSTANCE. MRS. VILLACIEROS IS A WARM-HEARTED, OUTGOING, RELIGIOUS PERSON, WHO DOES SOCIAL WORK UNOBTRUSIVELY BUT ALSO IS AN INVETERATE BRIDGE PLAYER. JAVIER VILLACIEROS PLAYS BRIDGE BUT PREFERS TO PAINT AND LISTEN TO CLASSICAL MUSIC. BOTH VILLACIEROS' SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH. THEY HAVE BEEN AMONG THE CHARGE'S CLOSEST SPANISH FRIENDS IN MADRID. EATON

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